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A MEMORIAL

DECLARING THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 21, 2009 THROUGH FEBRUARY 28,
2009 AS "ENTREPRENEURSHIP WEEK" IN THE HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES.

WHEREAS, entrepreneurship is vital to the growth and
prosperity of New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, most of the new jobs created throughout the
country in the past decade have come from the creative efforts
of entrepreneurs and small businesses; and

WHEREAS, according to the United States department of
commerce, more than two thousand three hundred people become
entrepreneurs every day, joining more than twenty million self-
employed people that together make up more than seventy-five
percent of the nation's businesses; and

WHEREAS, the *Partnership for 21st Century Skills*

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1 identified entrepreneurial literacy skills as a content area
2 critical to success in communities and workplaces in the
3 twenty-first century; and

4 WHEREAS, more than seventy percent of young Americans
5 envision starting a business or engaging in some
6 entrepreneurial activity as adults; and

7 WHEREAS, the national governor's association supports
8 connecting education with economic growth industries,
9 recognizing that entrepreneurship and small business creation
10 are the growth engines of the economy; and

11 WHEREAS, a broad coalition of partner organizations under
12 the umbrella of the youth entrepreneurship network in New
13 Mexico and nationwide are actively engaged in enhancing
14 entrepreneurial opportunities through collaboration and
15 cooperation with the national consortium for entrepreneurial
16 education; and

17 WHEREAS, encouraging youth to get excited about
18 entrepreneurship and working to expand the knowledge, skills
19 and attitudes of New Mexico's youth and adults can lead youth
20 to become successful entrepreneurs in the future; and

21 WHEREAS, entrepreneurial education and activities are
22 crucial to the long-term growth of local communities, the state
23 and the nation; and

24 WHEREAS, the New Mexico youth entrepreneurship network,
25 composed of over forty career, technical and other student

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1 organizations, offers an array of programs, activities and
2 competitive events focused on entrepreneurship; and

3 WHEREAS, the United States house of representatives
4 resolved to annually recognize a national entrepreneurship
5 week, which this year will occur from February 21 through
6 February 28, 2009; and

7 WHEREAS, declaring the same week as "Entrepreneurship
8 Week" in the New Mexico house of representatives provides an
9 opportunity to focus on the innovative ways in which
10 entrepreneurship education can bring together the core
11 academic, technical and problem-solving skills essential for
12 future entrepreneurs and successful workers in future
13 workplaces;

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
15 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the week of
16 February 21, 2009 through February 28, 2009 be declared
17 "Entrepreneurship Week" in the house of representatives.